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CONTROLLING ACCESS TO AREAS
OF GAMING MACHINES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2005, please amend
the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.